

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA

CLERK'S OFFICE

NOTICE OF FILING AND HEARING

DOCKET NO. 2011-24-S

APPLICATION OF PALMETTO UTILITIES, INC. FOR ADJUSTMENT OF RATES AND CHARGES FOR THE PROVISION OF SEWER SERVICE AND MODIFICATIONS TO CERTAIN TERMS AND CONDITIONS RELATED TO THE PROVISION OF ITS SERVICE

Palmetto Utilities, Inc. (Palmetto or the Company) has filed an Application with the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) for an adjustment of the Company's rates and charges for the provision of sewer service and modifications to certain terms and conditions of the provision of its service. Palmetto is a public utility, as defined by S.C. Code Ann. § 58-5-10(3) (Supp. 2010), providing sewer service to the public for compensation in certain areas of South Carolina pursuant to rates approved by the Commission in Docket No. 1998-653-S.

Pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 58-5-240 (Supp. 2010) and 26 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-512.4. A (Supp. 2010), the Company requests that the Commission approve an increase in its monthly sewer service rates. In support of its request for an adjustment in the Company's sewer rates, Palmetto asserts, among other things, that the proposed sewer rate increases are necessary in order that it may provide reasonable and adequate service to its customers, allow the Company to recover its incurred costs, comply with environmental regulations, and earn a reasonable return on its investment. The Company also asserts that the proposed sewer rate increases are necessary to preserve its financial integrity and to permit continued investment in and maintenance of its facilities so as to provide reliable and high quality services.

The Company also seeks modifications to certain terms and conditions of its rate schedule including those pertaining to circumstances under which the Company will bill tenants for service, incorporation of the Commission's regulation pertaining to the amount of reconnection fees, and incorporation of the SCDHEC regulation pertaining to single family equivalency ratings.

THE PROPOSED CHANGES IN THE RATES AND CHARGES ARE SET FORTH BELOW
(The complete rate schedule is available from the Company at the address below and on the Commission's website at www.psc.sc.gov.)

SEWER

Monthly Charges	Current	Proposed
Residential- monthly charge Per single-family house, condominium, villa, or apartment unit	\$29.50	\$38.50
Commercial - monthly charge	\$29.50 per SFE	\$38.50 per SFE

A copy of the Company's Application can be obtained from the Commission at the following address: Public Service Commission of South Carolina, Clerk's Office, P. O. Drawer 11649, Columbia, South Carolina 29211. Additionally, Palmetto's Application is available on the Commission's website at www.psc.sc.gov.

In order for testimony and evidence to be received from all interested parties, a public hearing will be held in the Commission's Hearing Room, Synergy Business Park, 101 Executive Center Dr., Columbia, South Carolina on **Wednesday, July 27, 2011 at 10:30 a.m.**

Any person who wishes to participate in this matter, as a party of record with the right of cross-examination should file a Petition to Intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, on or before **April 22, 2011**, and indicate the amount of time required for his presentation. Please include an email address for receipt of future Commission correspondence in the Petition to Intervene. ***Please refer to Docket No. 2011-24-S.***

Any person who wishes to testify and present evidence at the hearing should notify the Clerk's Office, in writing, at the address below, the Office of Regulatory Staff, 1401 Main Street, Suite 900, Columbia, South Carolina 29201, and John M. S. Hoefer, Esquire, Willoughby & Hoefer, P.A., Post Office Box 8416, Columbia, South Carolina 29202-8416 on or before **April 22, 2011**, and indicate the amount of time required for the presentation. ***Please refer to Docket No. 2011-24-S.***

Any person who wishes to request a hearing in his or her county of residence should notify on or before April 22, 2011, in writing, the Clerk's Office at the address below, the Office of Regulatory Staff, 1401 Main Street, Suite 900, Columbia, South Carolina 29201, and John M. S. Hoefer, Esquire, Willoughby & Hoefer, P. A., Post Office Box 8416, Columbia, South Carolina 29202-8416. ***Please refer to Docket No. 2011-24-S.***

Any person who wishes to be notified of any change in the hearing date, but does not wish to present testimony or be a party of record, may do so by notifying the Clerk's Office in writing at the address below on or before **April 22, 2011**. ***Please refer to Docket No. 2011-24-S.***

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE: Any person who wishes to have his or her comments considered as part of the official record of this proceeding **MUST** present such comments, in person, to the Commission during the hearing.

Persons seeking information about the Commission's Procedures should contact the Commission in Columbia at 803-896-5100.

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